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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA IN SC

1. MAURITANIAN PERM REP EL HASSAN, IN SPEECH WELCOMING
SC ACTION RECOMMENDING GUINEA-BISSAU ADMISSION TO UN,
REFERRED TO QUESTION OF SPANISH SAHARA AS FOLLOWS: "MAURITANIA
IS A COUNTRY THAT KEEPS ITS WORD. IT HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED
THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS. DESPITE ITS OWN
WELL-FOUNDED AND SOLID RIGHTS IN THE SAHARA IT HAS THEREFORE
ASKED SPAIN, AS ADMINISTERING POWER, TO TAKE THE NECESSARY
MEASURES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PUT INTO EFFECT THE
RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS REGARDING THIS TERRITORY".
COMMENT: THIS CAUTIOUS ALLUSION WAS PROBABLY OCCASIONED
BY MAURITANIAN RESENTMENT THAT MAURITANIAN PERM REP WAS
ONLY SC MEMBER NOT INVITED TO LUNCH LAST THURSDAY BY
VISITING MOROCCAN FONMIN LARAKI.

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2. DESPITE LACK OF REAL PROVOCATION, MOROCCAN CHARGE

SECOND SECRETARY LAHLOU ASSERTED "RIGHT OF REPLY".
INFORMED BY SECRETARIAT HE HAD NO SUCH RIGHT, LAHLOU
AGREED TO SPEAK "ON THE ISSUE BEFORE THE COUNCIL". HE
LAUNCHED INTO A LOOSE,FAR-REACHING EXPOSITION OF MOROCCOS
CLAIM TO THE SPANISH SAHARA.

3. IN BRIEF, CONCILIATORY REPLY, EL HASSEN SAID HE DID
NOT WISH TO DEBATE REPRESENTATIVE OF FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR.
HE REITERATED HOPE THAT PORTUGUESE CONDUCT RE GUINEA
BISSAU WOULD INSPIRE SPAIN TO OBSERVE SC RESOLUTIONS RE
SAHARA.

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